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30-Year Sentence for Sexual Abuse of a Child

MINOT - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on February 1, 2010, Michael P. Baker, 34, of Dunseith, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

Baker pleaded guilty to the charge on September 15, 2009. Baker acknowledged sexually abusing a child on January 31, 2009, in Dunseith.

Judge Hovland sentenced Baker to serve 30 years in federal prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release. Baker was ordered to pay restitution of \$476 and to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme prosecuted the case.